

Mayor David Anderson called the regularly scheduled meeting of November 17, 2009 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President Dave Gray, Council Members John Langs, Chris Clark, and Connie Wells, Clerk Kris Larson, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Assistant City Administrator Dave Sims, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, Police Chief Rick Alonzo, Economic Development Coordinator Mike Sloan, City Attorney Tim Wilson, and Student Council Representative Keera Christianson. Also present were Jessie Short and Suzanne Cullinane from Idaho Forest Group, Tom Mayo, Ron Frederickson, and Carolyn Testa.

Jessie Short from Idaho Forest Group spoke to council regarding the new large industrial rate passed on November 3, 2009. He said the mill has appreciated the interim rate the city has granted. He felt the interim rate was similar to the utility rates paid by the other mills. He asked that the Moyie Mill be afforded the opportunity to get service from another provider. He requested verbal comments from the city and written comment from council also. Mayor Anderson said we need to agendize the issue before council can comment.

Rick Alonzo handed out an invitation for ground breaking at the Second Chance Animal Adoption facility. Rick showed council a traffic cone that was donated to the City by Ripley Commegy. He donated \$750 for the police to buy 40 traffic cones. There have been three reportable crashes, two DUIs, two shop lifters, three warrant arrests, one burglary, one lewd and lascivious conduct, one fornication charge filed, two runaways, three agency assists, two minor in possession of alcohol charges, one abandoned vehicle towed, and a vandalism report for 12 windows broken on two buses at the bus barn.

Pat Warkentin said the fire department has been quiet. The fire department attended training in Coeur d'Alene over the past weekend concerning the Charleston Nine fire disaster that took place a couple years ago.

Stephen Boorman spoke regarding the energy conservation grant offered through stimulus funding. The city is considering heat pumps for public buildings. Dave Sims said the group is considering having Panhandle Area Council write the application for the grant since there are multiple agencies involved. He said there is no match required. Stephen said the December 1 training offered by AIC is a good one. On December 4 in Boise there is a legislative training and it is good to have someone to attend. The relay class that Steve Neumeyer was requesting to attend is not at a good time for him so Stephen is requesting that Dave Sims be authorized to attend.

Dave Gray moved to put items five and six to new business. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

Connie Wells moved to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of accounts payable and payroll; approval of November 3, 2009 council meeting

minutes and November 6, 2009 special council meeting minutes; and approval for attendance at the 2009 City Officials Academy in Post Falls on December 1, 2009.

The garbage contract was discussed. Ron Frederickson said it meets his approval. Tim Wilson said section 18 has a clause as to the exclusive nature of the contract. Stephen said the contract relates specifically to residential services. Dave Sims said if you read section 18 it appears to direct exclusiveness for residential and commercial. Dave also questioned if section 18 causes concern for the county's recycling program in the city. Chris Clark clarified that the contract should only grant exclusiveness for residential. Stephen said that is a policy question. The garbage contract issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Pat Warkentin spoke to council regarding the aerial apparatus that is available for bid in Nampa. Pat said the unit the aerial apparatus is replacing is over 50 years old and has no seat belts. Pat said it will be difficult to find an aerial apparatus for the price of what this unit is being offered at. The diesel engine has been rebuilt by the Nampa mechanic. Pat has tried to get private funding to help with the purchase of the aerial apparatus but nothing has come through. Pat feels that the apparatus would be needed if there were to be a fire at the Kootenai River Inn facility. The aerial apparatus would also facilitate on any two story structure fire. Pat said the minimum bid on the apparatus is \$15,000. He cannot find an aerial apparatus that is cheaper that is in good condition. John Langs said due to budget constraints that we agreed not to make capital purchases this year. He is opposed to spending additional funding at this time. Connie said it does seem like a good buy and it may be a shame to pass up the opportunity. She said there is some funding from the surplus equipment property sale and the fund balance came in a bit higher for FY2009 than what was expected. Chris Clark said it is early in our budget to spend capital dollars. Dave Gray agreed with John Langs about pursuing capital items until we see where the revenue budget is going. Connie Wells moved to put in a minimum bid of \$15,000 for the aerial apparatus. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Stephen spoke to council regarding the city employees that respond to fire calls during their regular work week. The employees have to take time off as vacation or leave without pay from their regular city departments when they respond to a fire during their work day. He said there are advantages to having city employees on the fire department. Dave Gray agreed that this is reasonable and he moved to approve the amendment to allow city employees responding to a fire call during their regular work day to be paid by their usual city department. John Langs seconded the motion. Connie thinks we have a great volunteer department and she does not think it is fair that city employees get extra pay for responding to a fire when the other volunteers are receiving a lesser stipend paid by the fire department. Dave Sims said the employee's regular department would pay the wages. Stephen said it does present an inequity for the city employees and the volunteer firemen. Pat said the difficulty is that there are several employees that are city volunteer firemen. He said there is an advantage to the employees being able to respond quickly. Pat said the employees would not be paid by the fire department until after the employee's regular work day ends. Currently Pat feels we penalize the city employees when

they respond to a fire during the regular work day. He said there will not be any animosity among the firemen. John Langs asked if other employers pay their employees for fire calls. Pat said it goes both ways. Some employers will not let the firemen leave their regular jobs for fire calls during the day. Chris Clark asked what brought this issue to light. Stephen and David said the Riverside fire brought this issue up again. Chris asked if this change would cause the fire department to become a paid department rather than a volunteer department. Tim Wilson did not think there would be a problem. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “no”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Dave Gray moved to authorize the Mayor to sign pay request #3 for Earthworks and the balancing change order. Chris Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Stephen spoke regarding the Alderson Lane engineering amendment with Welch Comer. He said there was an estimate of \$9,500 to do the engineering work on the water master plan addendum. We will also need to have a rebuild of the water line from the Methodist Church to the Mormon Church and this will cost about \$7,100 additional for engineering. He said we have a grant to rebuild Alderson Lane and this waterline rebuild would be considered at the same time. He said there is a risk of what the bids will come in on phase 2a of the water project. John Langs moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment of the Welch Comer Alderson Lane engineering contract. Dave Gray seconded the motion. Stephen said \$9,600 would come from the Community Development Block Grant and the rest would come from the bond. The motion passed – John Langs “yes”, Chris Clark “yes”, Connie Wells “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

The Christmas party was discussed. Stephen said to keep in mind that the volunteers are brought in and thanked at the party. One of the suggestions was to have the main dish brought in and then the employees supply the side dishes as a potluck. The date of the party is important to be set this evening. Rick suggested having Border Bob do the main dish. Dave Gray moved to have the main dish done by Border Bob and have the party on December 11th. John Langs seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

The relay school in Pullman was discussed. Dave Gray spoke about lodging and meal costs at the LaQuinta Inn in Moscow and asked that we revisit the costs of meals and lodging to help save money on the lodging costs. He feels that the training is needed and supports the workshop training. Stephen said it is one of the best classes he has attended. The city has relays in the power plant and reclosures in each substation. John Langs moved to approve the training with consideration of what Councilman Gray is proposing and to substitute attendance by Dave Sims. Dave Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor.

John Langs would like to have the legislative training session skipped this year due to budget constraints. Dave Gray agreed since the meeting is only a portion of a day and he thinks Dave Sims can pick up the information off the internet. Council agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Kris Larson, City Clerk